

Application number 10/635,561  
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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

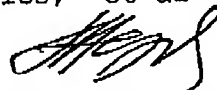
Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to eliminate the gap between the steps, in particular to link the step of "estimating" to other steps in the claims.

All other claims depend on the amended claims 1 or 9.

Thus, all claims in this application seem to be allowable.

An early allowance of this application is courteously requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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